

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin**

**Sunday, March 12, 2023
3rd Sunday in Lent**

Announcements: Dan Tagatac

Prelude: “Deep River” African American Spiritual
Ray Ritchie, Trumpet

Welcome: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: Come, let us sing to the Lord!

People: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Leader: Let us come into God’s presence with thanksgiving!

People: Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!

Leader: Come, let us worship and celebrate God’s loving presence with us.

People: We sing to God with our hearts and our spirits. AMEN.

***Opening Prayer: (In Unison)**

Loving and caring God, we come this morning in hope that you will sustain us in our trying times, our lonely times, our doubting times. Refresh us this morning with the living water of your presence and love. Open us to the possibilities of friendship that we may encounter you in unexpected ways, the possibilities of seeing the miraculous in everyday life. Amen.

***Opening Hymn:** “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” UMH #138
(vs. 1, 2, 5)

***Praise Song:** “In Christ Alone” Getty & Townend

Prayer Hymn: “In the Singing” TFWS #2255

Pastoral Prayer: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

[For those joining us online, please submit your prayer requests in the comments on the virtual attendance sheet, or email the church office. Your prayer requests will be lifted up in next Sunday’s service.]

The Lord’s Prayer: UMH #895

Scripture Reading: Romans 5:1-11 Jane Healton

Message: “Where We Stand”
Callie Crowder, Executive Director of The Maker’s Place

Offering Time: Today’s Special Offering will benefit **The Maker’s Place**. Donations can be made through our Giving Page: www.freeholdmethodist.org/give

Offertory: “Be Thou My Vision” Byrne, Hull & Young
Ray Ritchie, Trumpet

*Doxology:

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH #95

*Offering Prayer: (In Unison)

Life-giving God, we offer you ourselves and our resources. Use us and our gifts, that we may be bearers of living water to a world thirsty for love, for meaning, for justice, and for hope. May all your people encounter fulness of life through the love of Christ, which lives within us. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

*Closing Hymn:

“Your Grace Is Enough”

M. Maher

*Benediction:

Rev. Yoseb Jeon

*Postlude

Scripture Passage for Sunday, March 12, 2023

Liturgist: Jane Healton

Romans 5:1-11 (New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition)

Results of Justification

5 Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we^[a] have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have obtained access^[b] to this grace in which we stand, and we^[c] boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³ And not only that, but we^[d] also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸ But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹ Much more surely, then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God.^[e] ¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹ But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Opening Hymn:
The King of Love My Shepherd Is (vs. 1, 2, 5)
UMH #138

(Verse 1)

The King of love my shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am his,
And he is mine forever.

(Verse 2)

Where streams of living water flow,
My ransomed soul he leadeth;
And where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth.

(Verse 5)

Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
Thy unction grace bestoweth;
And oh, what transport of delight
From Thy pure chalice floweth!

Praise Hymn:
In Christ Alone
Getty & Townend

(Verse 1)

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

(Verse 2)

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For every sin on Him was laid.
Here in the death of Christ I live.

(Continued...)

(Verse 3)

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious Day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am His and He is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

(Verse 4)

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand.
'Til He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

Prayer Hymn:
In the Singing
TFWS #2255

In the singing, in the silence,
In the hands expectant, open,
In the blessing, in the breaking,
In the Presence at this table -

(Chorus)

Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ,
Be the wine of grace:
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ,
Be the bread of peace.

In the question, in the answer,
In the moment of acceptance,
In the heart's cry, in the healing,
In the circle of Your people -

(Chorus)

Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ,
Be the wine of grace:
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ,
Be the bread of peace.

Doxology:
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
UMH #95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and holy Ghost.
Amen.

Closing Hymn:
Your Grace Is Enough
M. Maher

(Verse 1)

Great is Your faithfulness, O God.
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart.
You lead us by still waters into mercy.
And nothing can keep us apart.

(Pre-Chorus)

(So) remember Your people,
Remember Your children,
Remember Your promise, O God.

(Chorus 1)

Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough for me.
Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough for me.

(Verse 2)

Great is Your love and justice, God of Jacob.
You use the weak to lead the strong.
You lead us in the song of Your salvation,
And all Your people sing along.

(Pre-Chorus)

(So) remember Your people,
Remember Your children,
Remember Your promise, O God.

(Continued...)

(Chorus 1)

Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough for me.
Yeah, your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough for me.

(Pre-Chorus)

Remember Your people,
Remember Your children,
Remember Your promise, O God.

(Chorus 2)

Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough for me.
Yeah, Your grace is enough.
Heaven reaches out to us.
Your grace is enough for me.
God, I sing, Your grace is enough.
I'm covered in Your love.
Your grace is enough for me,
For me.

(End)

It's enough for me.

March 12, 2023
Announcements:

Welcome to worship at the First United Methodist Church of Freehold, we are glad you are with us. Today, we welcome Callie Crowder, Director of The Maker's Place.

Special Church Conference – We will be holding a Special Church Conference via ZOOM on Tuesday, March 28th at 7:00 p.m. All church members are invited to attend. The scheduled Administrative Council meeting will follow. The Zoom meeting information will be sent out in the next week.

Remember to order your **Easter Flowers!** Order forms can be found in the Newsletter, or picked up in Fellowship Hall during regular office hours, or on Sunday mornings.

Linda Gatti would like us to sign **thank you cards** for the First Responders following today's service. She will be in Fellowship Hall with the cards. The cards will be presented to the First Responders during service next Sunday. Along with the generous donations of snacks, we will also present them with \$100 gift cards. Thank you all for your generosity.

We are collecting items for **"Blessing Bags"**. Blessing Bags should contain enough toiletry items to last 2 weeks and are handed out to the homeless. Most needed items are **travel size toothpaste and small/travel sized shaving lotion or cream (tube preferred) and disposable razors**. Donations can be dropped off at the church during regular office hours, or on Sunday mornings. Please place donated items in the bin on the E.H.A.P. table in Missions Hall.

Diaper Drive: We are collecting diapers for **The Maker's Place**. All sizes are accepted, but the most needed sizes are 4, 5, and 6. We will be collecting diapers until our **diaper packing event** on April 16th. Please place cases of diapers in Missions Hall.

The **Stitcher's Circle** will meet on Thursday, March 16, 2023 at 3:30 p.m. at the church. Group members are offering to teach both crocheting and knitting skills to anyone who would like to learn. For more information, or to join the circle, contact AnnMarie Meredith: amt8790@gmail.com

Reservations are still being taken for the **women's spiritual retreat April 30 – May 2** at the Carriage House Bed & Breakfast in Ocean Grove. Space is limited. If you are interested in attending, or would like more information, please contact Rita Curven or Christina Zito.

Support Becky & Marshall Gorman and Ken Budka as they perform with the **Monmouth Civic Chorus** this afternoon at 4:00 p.m. at the Parish of St. Mary in Colts Neck.
Regular admission \$40, Senior \$35, Group (10+) \$30, Student \$20
For more information, go to: www.Monmouthcivicchorus.org
Or call: 732-933-9333

All children and grandchildren are invited to our **Annual Easter Egg Hunt**, Saturday, April 8th at 4:00 p.m. –in the church parking lot.

GREATER FREEHOLD LENTEN PRAYER SERVICES

Lunch at 12 PM, Prayer at 12:30 PM, Lunch at 1 PM

March 1	Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Lunch will be provided	Rev. Alan Olson First Presbyterian Church
March 8	First United Methodist Lunch will be provided	Msgr. Sam Siriani Co-Cathedral of St. Robert
March 15	Reformed Church of Freehold Lunch will be provided	Rev. Ronald Sparks Bethel A.M.E. Church
March 22	Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Lunch will be provided	Bishop Fred Rubin Community Refuge Church of Christ
March 29	First Assembly of God Lunch will be provided	Rev. Hosie Scott Foundational Truth Bible Study Ministries
Good Friday April 7	First Baptist Church 12:30 PM Service Lunch will not be provided	Rev. Matthew Jones First Assembly of God

SonRise Service

6:30 a.m.

Lake Topanemus Park
Pond Road, Freehold

